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IN VACATION.

In one of the county courts recently, a woman was testifying on behalf, of her son, and swore that he had worked on a farm ever since he was born. The lawyer who cross-examined her said, "You assert that your son has worked on a farm ever since he was born?" "I do." "What did he do the first year?" "Hè milked." The witness was asked no further questions.—The Lawyer and Banker.

Gentle.—Jones was always very tactful. This is what he wrote: "Dear Mrs. Smith—Your husband cannot come home today because his clothes were blown up in a boiler explosion."

P. S.—Poor Smith was inside the clothes.—National Corporation Reporter.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the editor in chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

1653-1912. Westmoreland County, Virginia: Compiled by T. R. B. Wright. Richmond, Va., Whittet & Shepperson, printers. 1912, Price 50 cents.

The county of Westmoreland has been called the Athens of Virginia, and probably there is no county in the State richer in great men or richer in history. In this unambitious little volume, compiled by the distinguished judge who presides over the circuit of which Westmoreland is a part, are to be found not only history and literature but statistics and anecdotes of interest which make the book of exceeding interest not only to every Virginian but to every one interested in the history of Virginia. It contains a brief history of the county, the addresses delivered at the late unveiling of some twenty-two pictures, tablets and statues at the courthouse of that county, and in addition to this Judge Wright has collected various articles, speeches and poems relating to the great people and facts of this historic county. We have read the book with interest and with a pride hard to express, and we commend it to all interested in Virginia history.

The Laws of England, being a complete statement of the whole Law of England, by the Right Honorable the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, 1885-86, 1886-92, and 1895-1905, and other lawyers. Volume XX. Markets and Fairs, Master and Servant, Mayor's Court London, Medicine and Pharmacy, Metropolis, Mines, Minerals and Quarries, Misrepresentation and Fraud. London: Butterworth & Co., Bell Yard, Temple Bar, Law Publishers. Sydney: Butterworth & Co. (Australia), Ltd., 76 Elizabeth Street. Calcutta: Butterworth & Co. (India), Ltd., 82 Hastings Street. Agents for the United States: Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. 1911. Price \$7.50 net.

The foregoing volume, in addition to its historical interest, is of practical value to the American practitioner in the splendid articles

upon master and servant and misrepresentation and fraud. The law of master and servant in Great Britain has probably been subject to the most violent changes of any law upon the statute book in the last fifty years, and the decisions of the courts have gone further towards the care of the servant than would have been dreamed of by the most violent radical a hundred years ago. With each issue of this work its actual practical value to the American lawyer who desires to know "the law and the reason thereof" becomes apparent.

The Lawyers' Reports Annotated. New Series. Book 36. Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors. 1912. Rochester, N. Y., The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company. 1912. Price \$4.00.

This volume is in every way equal to its predecessors, both in usefulness and interest. The note to *Rasch v. Nassau Electric R. Company*, page 673, as to the "Abutter's Right to Compensation for Railroads in Streets" is practically a learned treatise upon this subject, covering over one hundred and sixty pages. The note on "State Law Affecting Telegraphs as Regulation of Interstate Commerce" is exceedingly useful and interesting; while the note upon our own Virginia case, *County of Mecklenburg v. Beales*, 111 Va. upon the "Liability of Public Officer for Loss of Funds by Failure of Bank in Which They Are Deposited," is of much interest to the Virginia Bar. We can also commend, in addition to many other useful notes, the note on the "Right of Abutting Owner to Compensation for Vacation of Highway," on page 115; and also the note on page 244, "Agreement to Accept Less than Amount of Appropriation, Salary or Fee."

A Treatise on the Modern Law of Evidence, by Charles Frederick Chamberlayne, Esquire, of the Boston and New York Bars, American Editor of Best's Principles of the Law of Evidence, American Editor of the International Edition of Best on Evidence, American Editor of Taylor on Evidence. Vol. III. Reasoning by Witnesses. Albany, New York: Matthew Bender and Company. London, England: Sweet & Maxwell, Limited. 1912. Price of entire set, 4 volumes, \$28.00.

The third volume of this work of Mr. Chamberlayne's continues the promise which the first two volumes gave. On first examination of the three volumes one is very much struck with the fact that Mr. Chamberlayne has made a radical departure from all other treatises upon this important subject. We know of no work which gives evidence of more careful, exhaustive study, which is clearer in statement or more scientific in arrangement and treatment. We warn the readers that if they take up these volumes with old and established ideas as to methods of research they will at first be at a loss to understand exactly Mr. Chamberlayne's methods, but in a very short while by emptying their minds of preconceived opinions and methods they will find that the work is one which for ready reference, for practical arrangement and exhaustiveness is hard to be excelled. The philosophy of the subject, of course exceedingly interesting, is subordinated to the practical side, and yet is skillfully interwoven so that both the student and the practitioner will find an equal interest in the use of these volumes. We shall await with impatience the completion of the entire work.